

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method performed by a program executed by a processor to navigate among ~~a hierarchically~~ an arranged group of nodes, each of the nodes having an associated verbal description, the method comprising:

eliminating stop words and duplicates from the verbal descriptions to create a list of keywords;

creating a list of thesaurus words;

creating a first matrix comprising a correlation of at least some thesaurus words with at least some keywords;

creating a second matrix by calculating cosine values from a co-occurrence analysis of the entries in the first matrix;

determining a synonymy among the at least some thesaurus words and the at least some keywords; and

creating a thesaurus configured as an inverted index based upon the synonymy.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:

tracking frequency of use of the nodes.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 further comprising:
ranking the nodes based upon a result of the tracking.
24. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
pruning a node from the group of nodes based upon a frequency of usage criterion.
25. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
adding a synonym entry into the thesaurus based upon a result of an unknown word
analysis.
26. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the thesaurus further comprises at least some
learned entries, the method further comprising:
deleting a learned entry based upon satisfaction of a frequency of use criterion.